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Appin No. 10/727,210
Amdt. Dated June 20, 2005
Response to Office Action of June 6, 2005

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action has been carefully considered. It is respectfully submitted that the issues raised are traversed, being hereinafter addressed with reference to the relevant headings appearing under the Detailed Action of the Office Action.

The Applicant has amended the claims. The Applicant respectfully submits that amendments to the claim set is fully supported by the originally filed specification.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claim 1 and all dependent claims as it is unclear in step (c) to whom or to what the output of "the result of the determination step (b) is output. Claim 1 has now been amended such that step (c) reads "output the result of the determination of step (b) to an external source". Support for this can be found at lines 7 to 10 of page 708.

Step (b) of claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error which was introduced in the Applicant's response to the first Office Action. In this amendment, the original recitation of step (b), as recited in claim 1 as filed, has been properly reinstated in line with the description provided in the present specification at page 708, lines 1-30.

The Examiner has also raised objected to claim 12 because the original "ratio" has been replaced by "ration" even though claim 12 is labelled "Original". Claim 12 has now been corrected to reflect the original wording of the claim.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 and 35 U.S.C. §102(b). The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance of all the claims presently under examination.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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